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In re Application of
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For: DIFFERENTIAL COVERING AND
COATING METHODS

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed July 9, 2008, requesting that the Office withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed January 4, 2007, which set forth an extendable three (3) month period for reply. The Office contended that this application became abandoned on April 5, 2007 for failure to reply to the January 4, 2007 non-final Office action. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 24, 2007.

The Office received an acceptable Power of Attorney and Change of Address on March 3, 2005. Unfortunately, the Office did not recognize and enter the requests in the documents and the January 4, 2007 non-final Office action was mailed to the previous correspondence address of record. The Office erred in not changing Office records to reflect the new correspondence address and empowered practitioners. This error resulted in the January 4, 2007 non-final Office action being mailed to an incorrect address.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is granted. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. No petition fee has been or will be charged in connection with this matter. The Power of Attorney and Change of Address, filed March 3, 2005, have been entered into Office databases.

Accordingly, the application file will be forwarded to Technology Center A.U. 3734 for the re-mailing of the January 4, 2007 non-final Office action with a new period set for response.

Telephone inquiries pertaining to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shirene Willis Brantley".

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